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# HOUSE OF M



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Magneto has lost the war against ordinary humans for which he sacrificed the well-being of his children. Now he is forced to watch his daughter Wanda, the Scarlet Witch, suffer a loss of control over both her powers and her grip on reality. Quicksilver, Wanda's brother Pietro, pleads with their estranged father to help her.

Mutant leader Charles Xavier, who is unable to help the Scarlet Witch, gathers the Avengers and the X-Men to decide how to proceed. The heroes are not convinced that killing Wanda is the only solution, so they travel to the mutant nation of Genosha to confront her, in the hope of discovering what it is that she wants.

When they get to the island, Wanda is missing, as are Magneto and Pietro.

Then the world burns to white.

# HOUSE OF M

Reality as we knew it is gone...

...replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

Through the mysterious powers of a young girl named Layla Miller, a group of heroes has been shown the truth about how life used to be. Led by the mutant Cyclops, they head to Genosha to face Magneto in a do-or-die mission, with the fate of the entire world hanging in the balance.

The epic battle comes to a halt when Magneto is awakened to the reality of the changed world around him, and Doctor Strange discovers that it was not Magneto who caused the House of M to be created, but rather his son, the former Avenger Quicksilver. Desperate to save his sister's life, Quicksilver convinced Wanda to use her powers to tap into Charles Xavier's psychic abilities and give everyone, including Magneto, what they have always desired.

When Magneto turns on Quicksilver, Wanda lashes out at her father. She blames his selfish desire to lead the mutant revolution as the reason their childhood was a disaster and their adult lives have crumbled. Wanda says three words: No More Mutants.

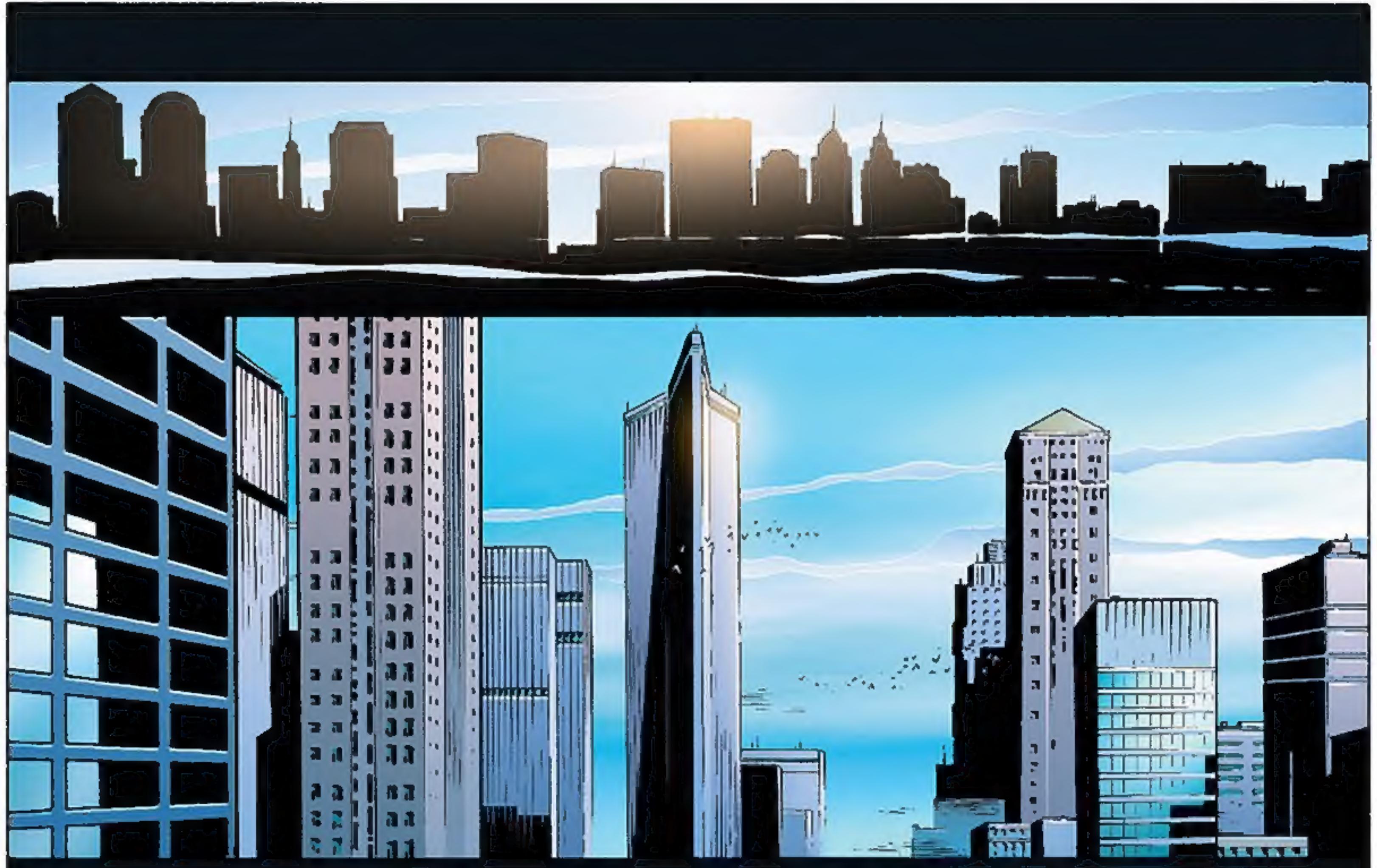
Before the gathered heroes can react, the world goes white one more time...

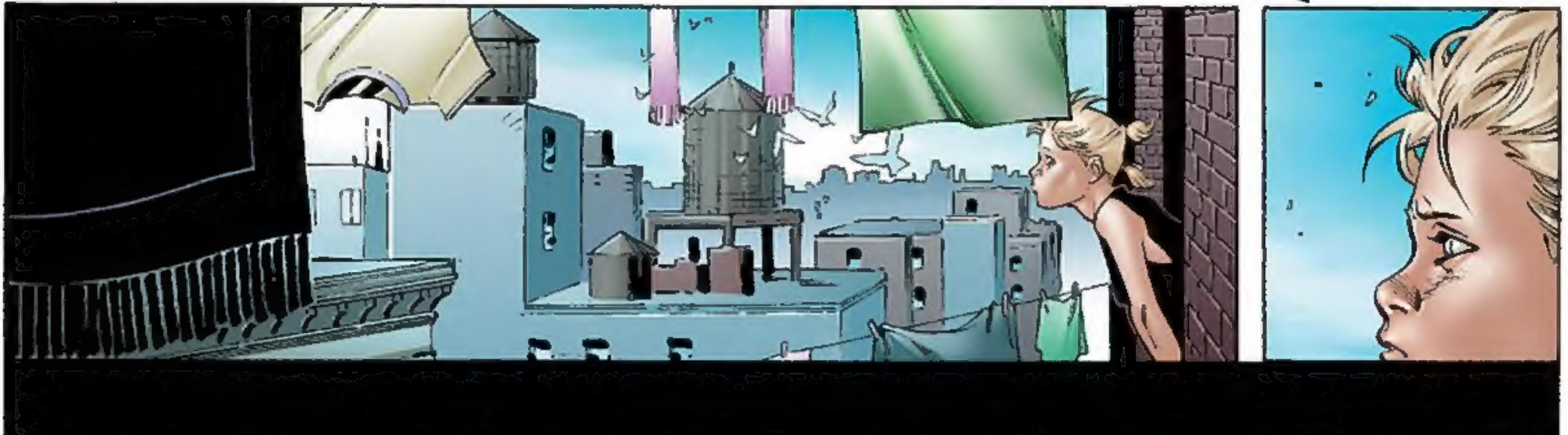
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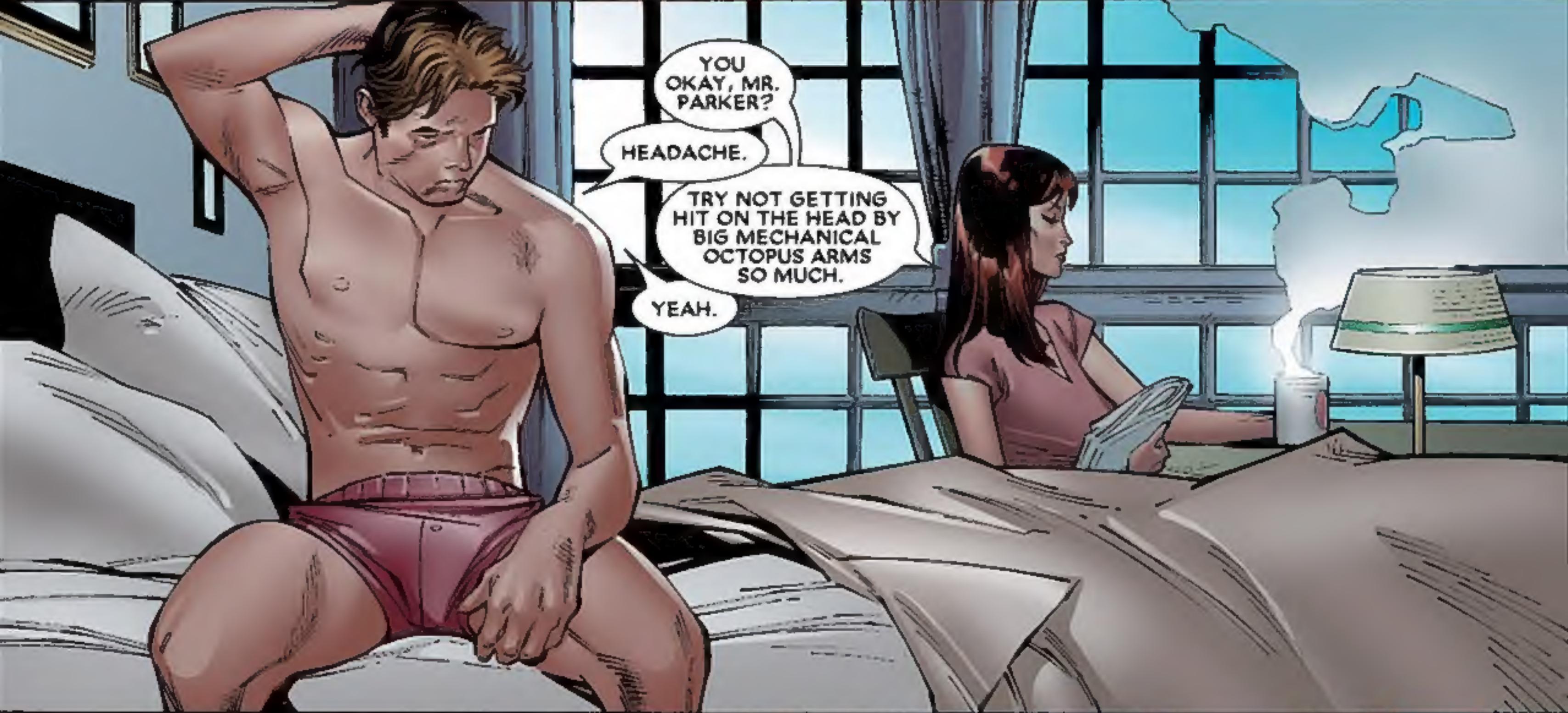
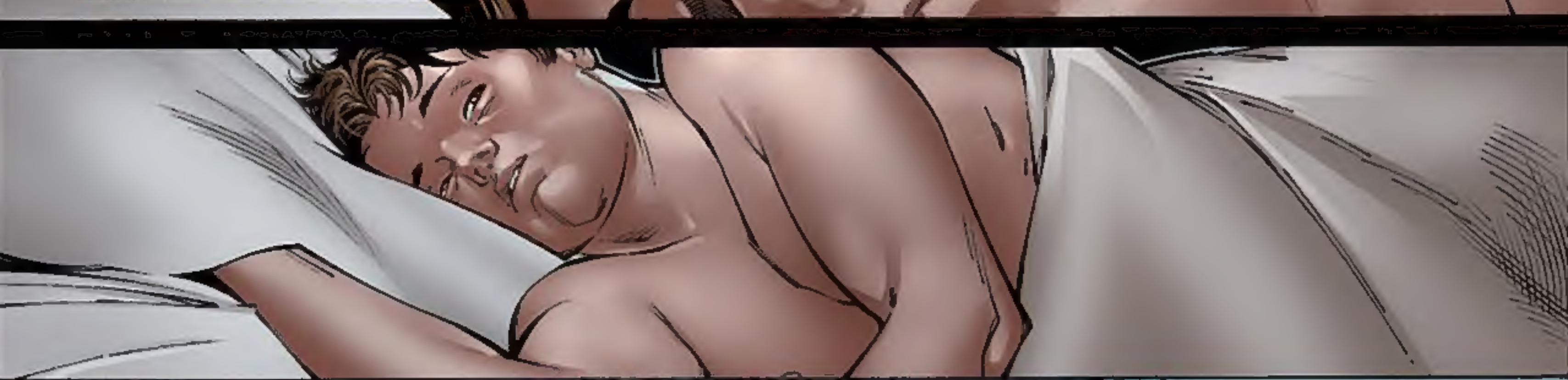
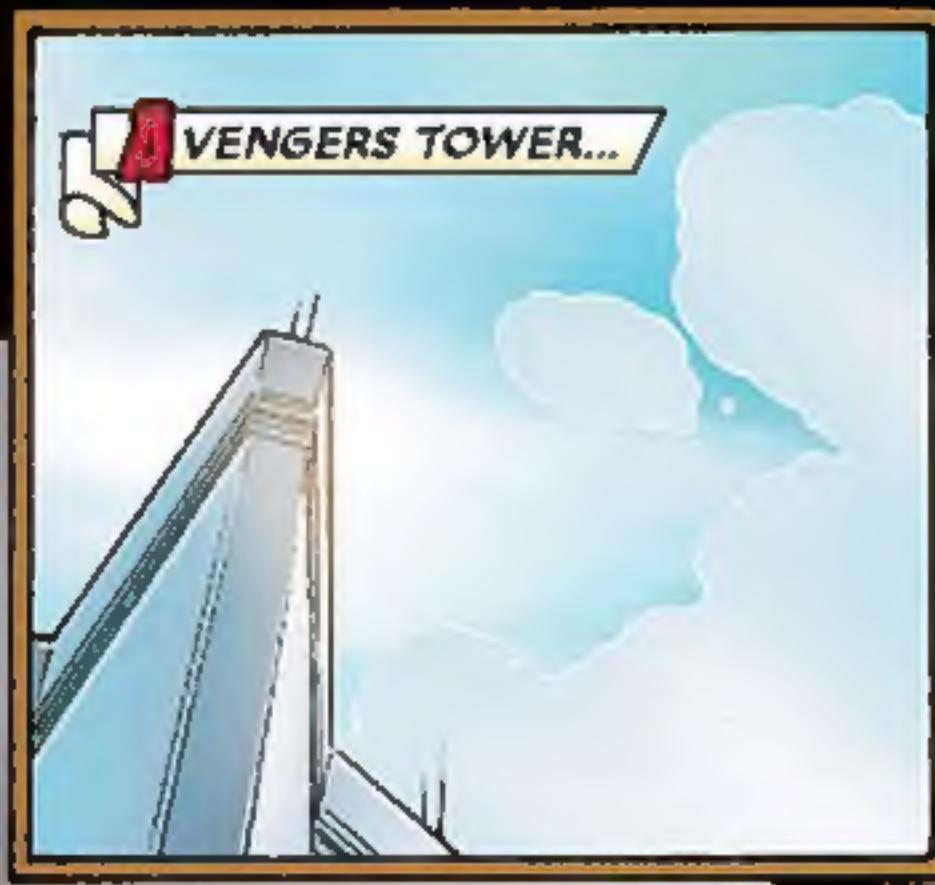
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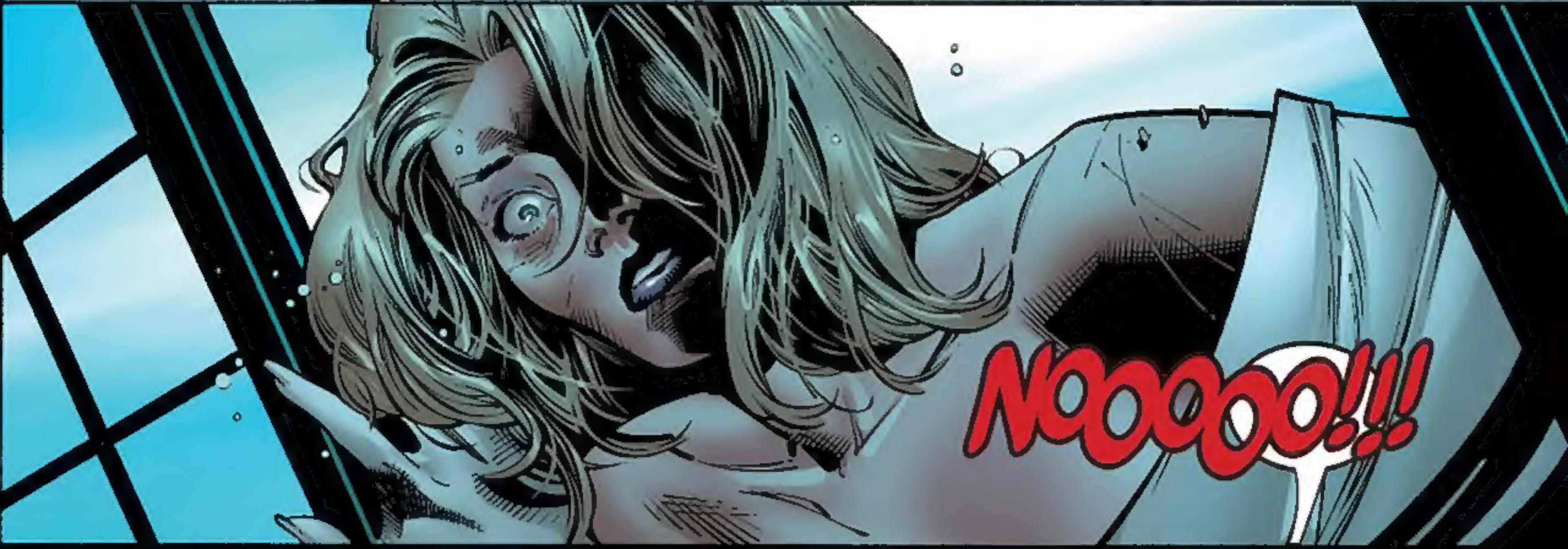
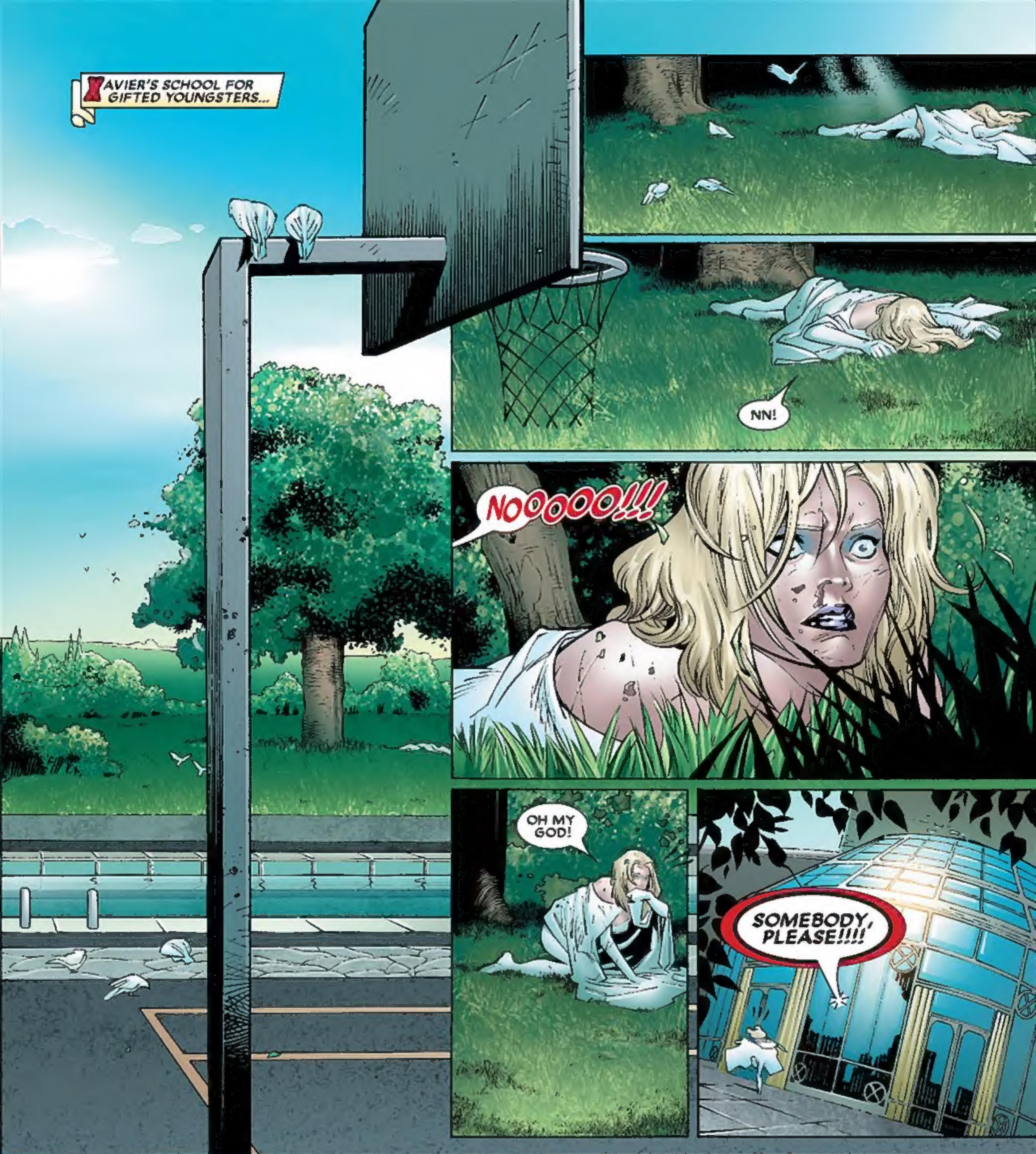


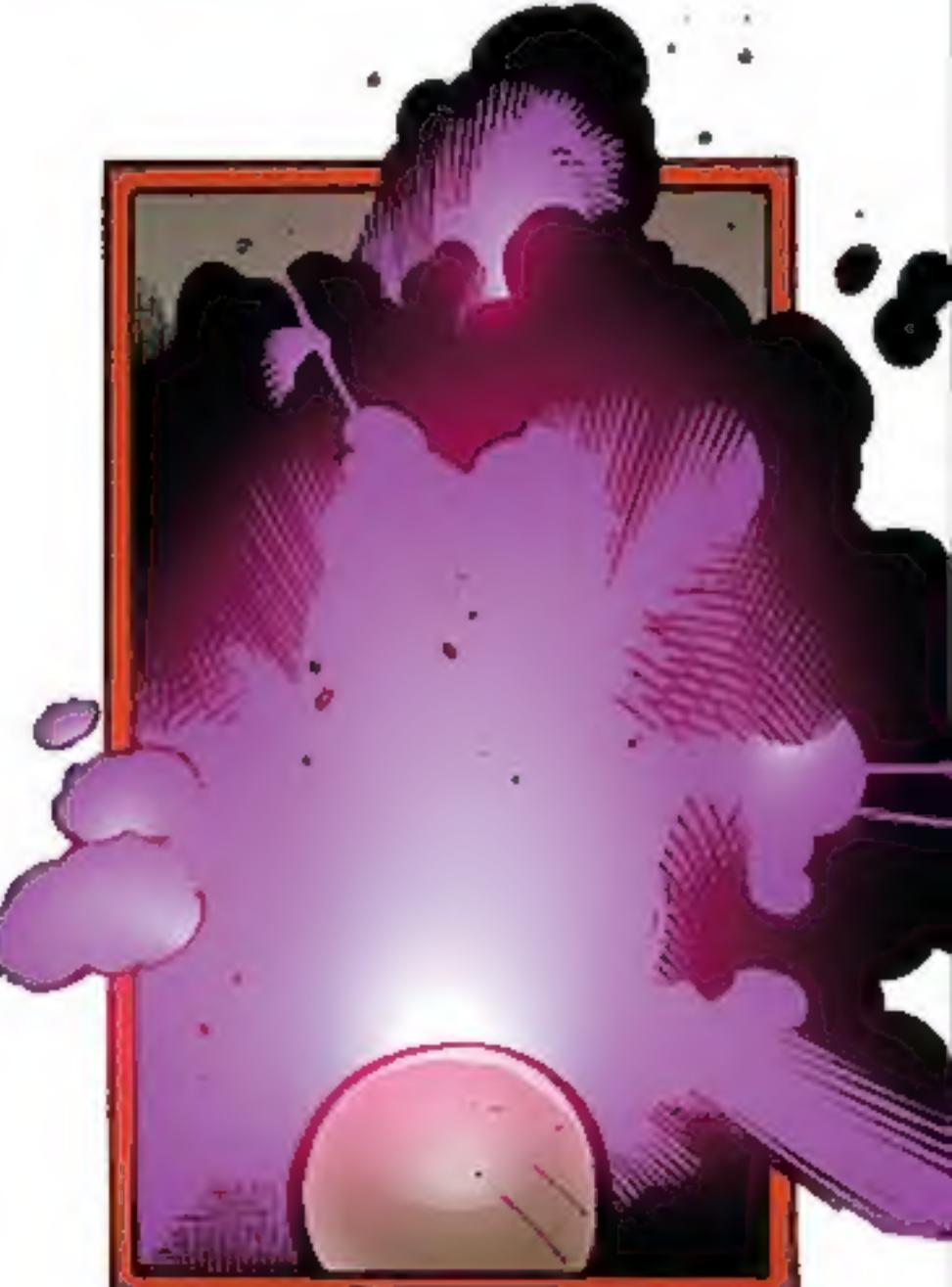
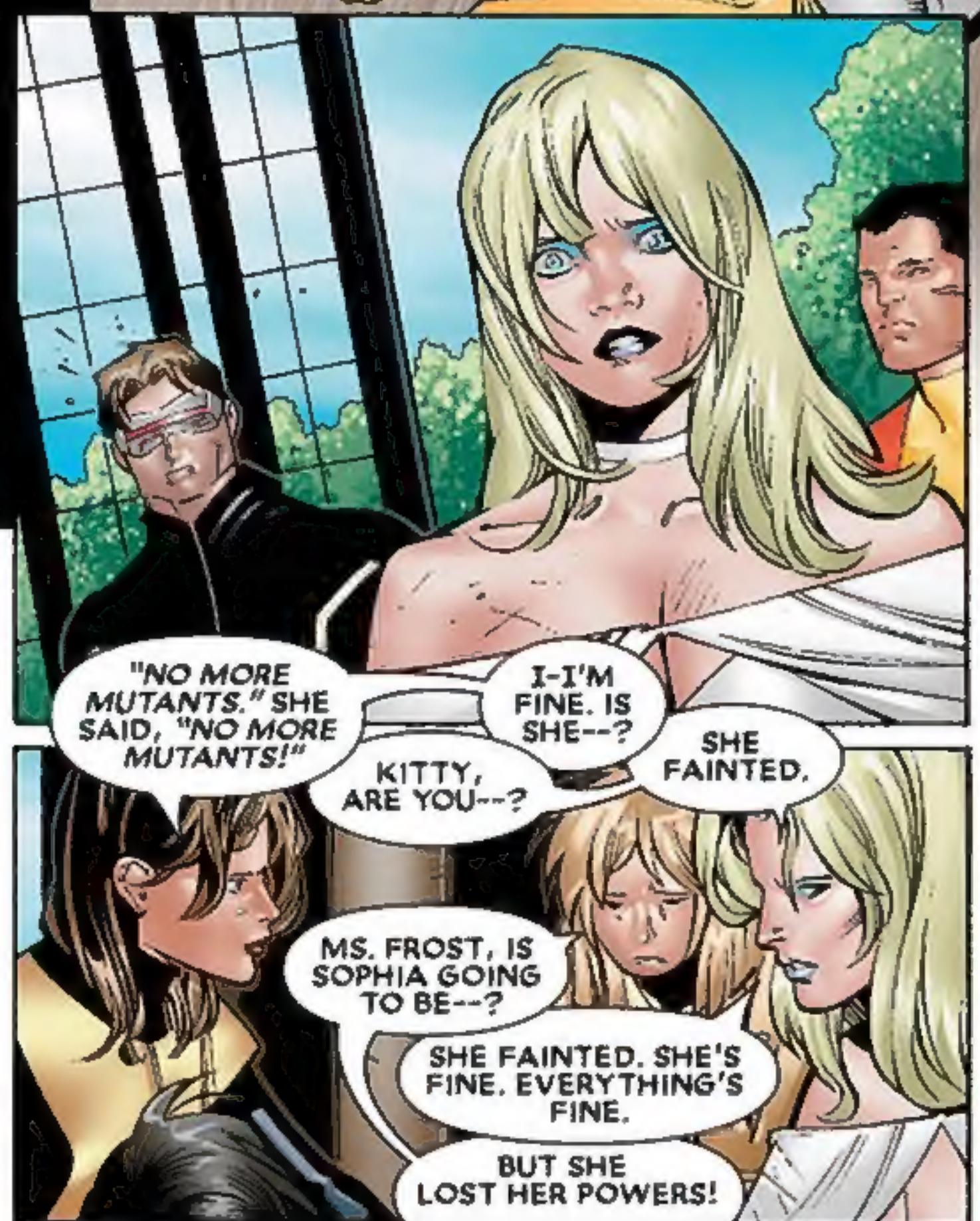
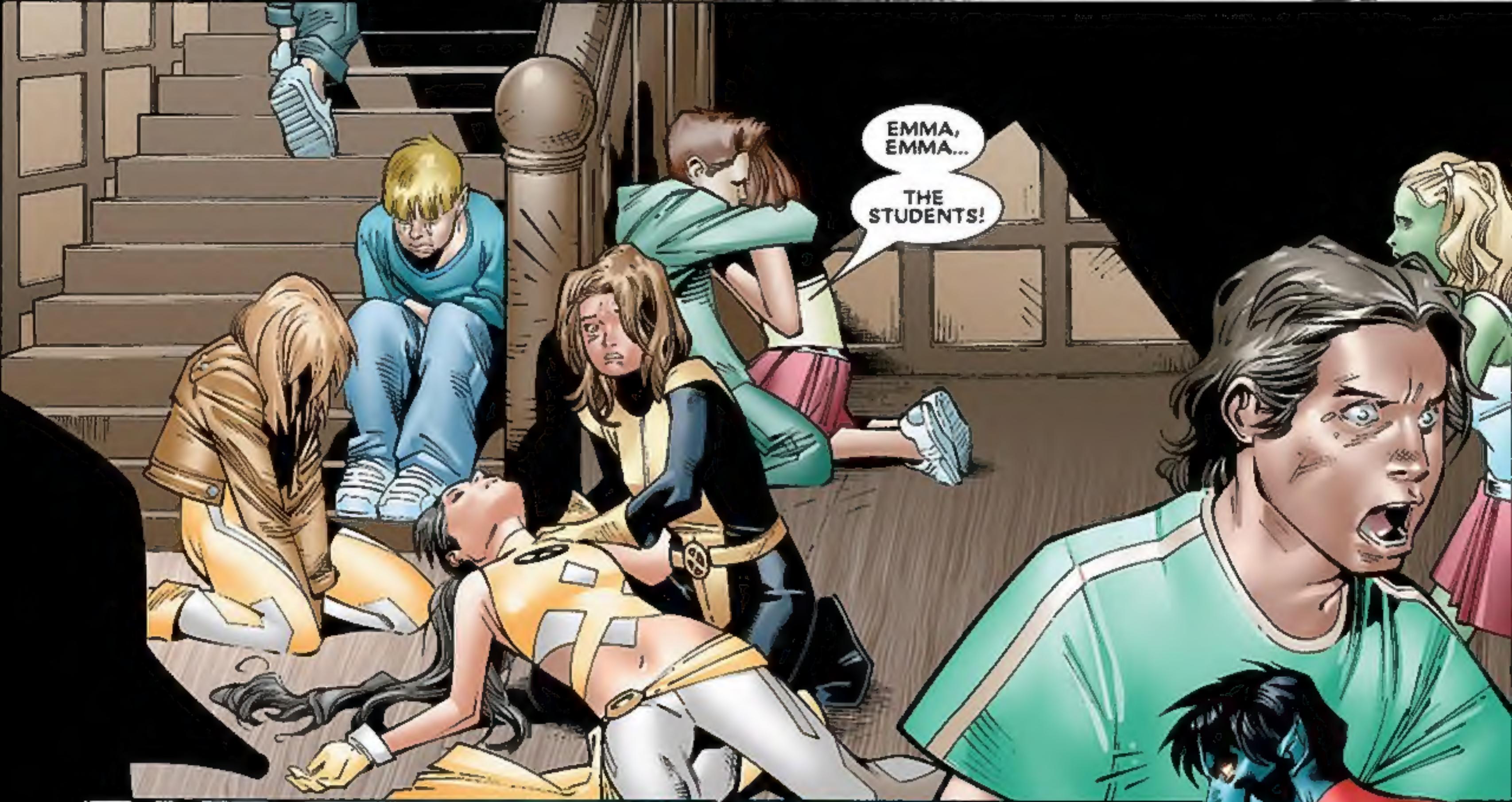


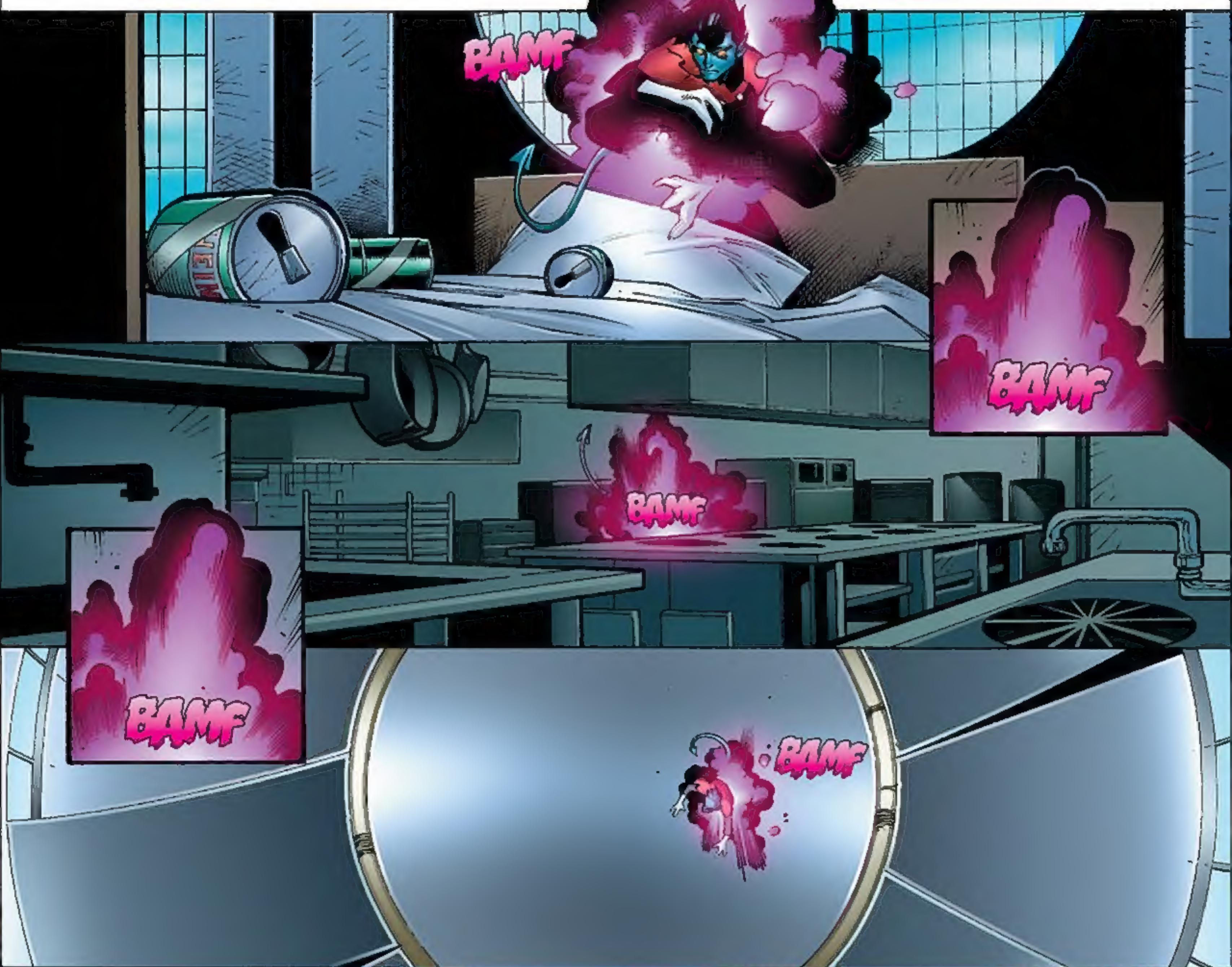




XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR  
GIFTED YOUNGSTERS...



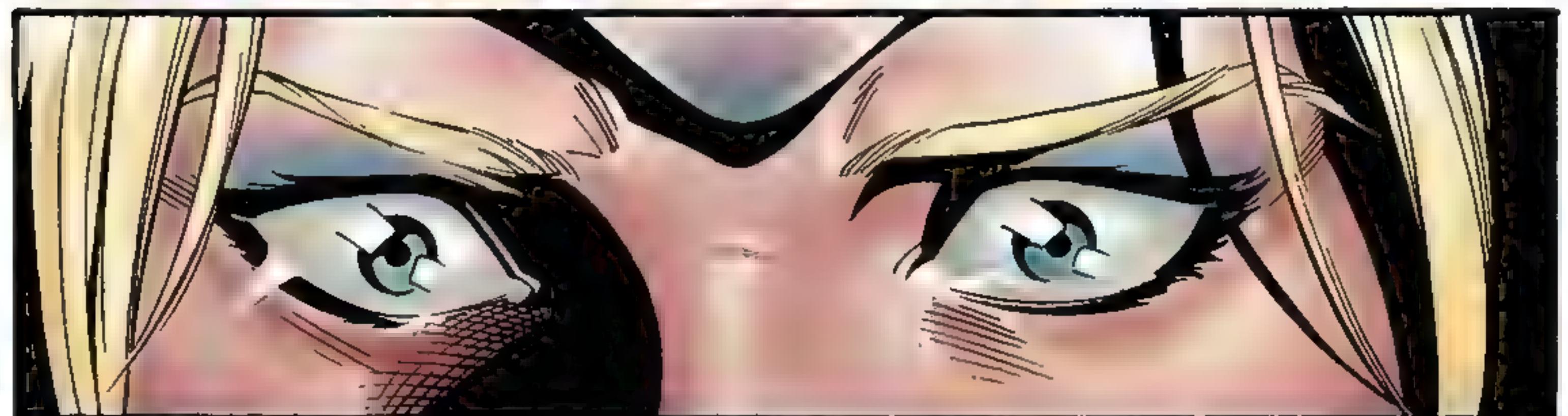
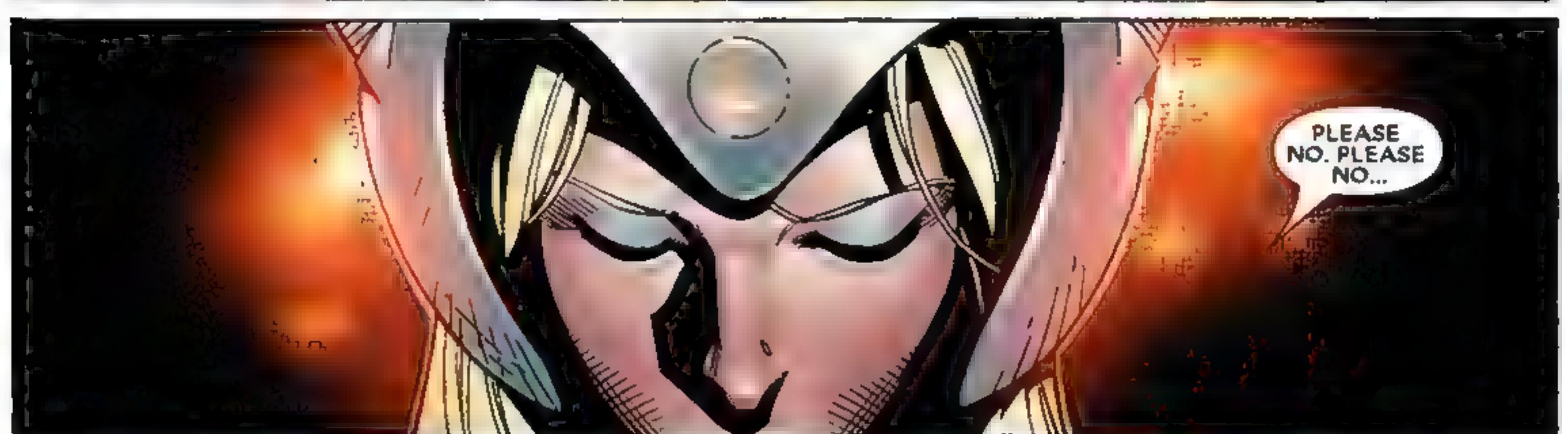
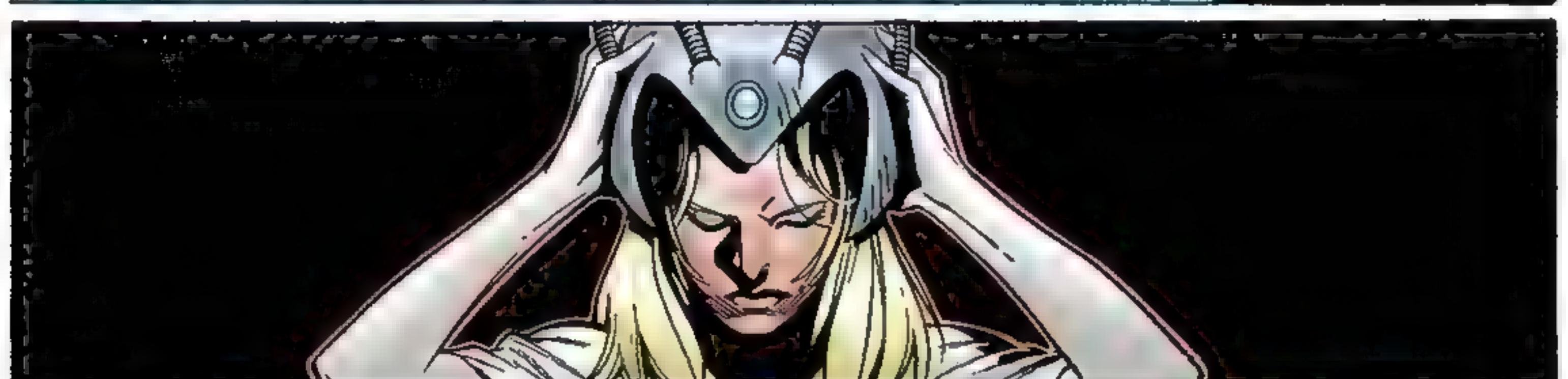
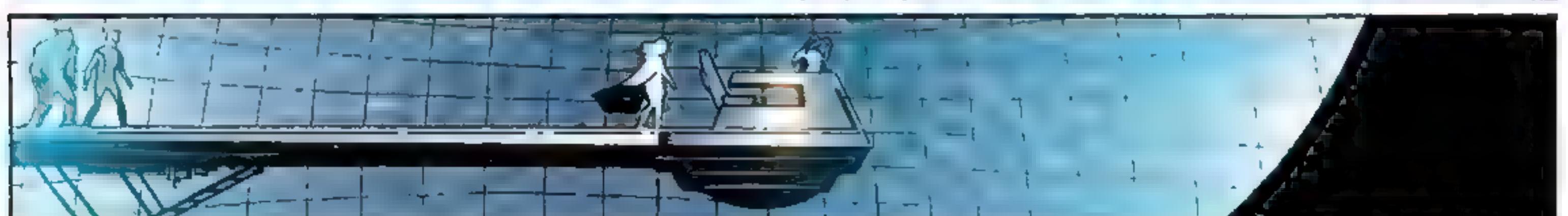
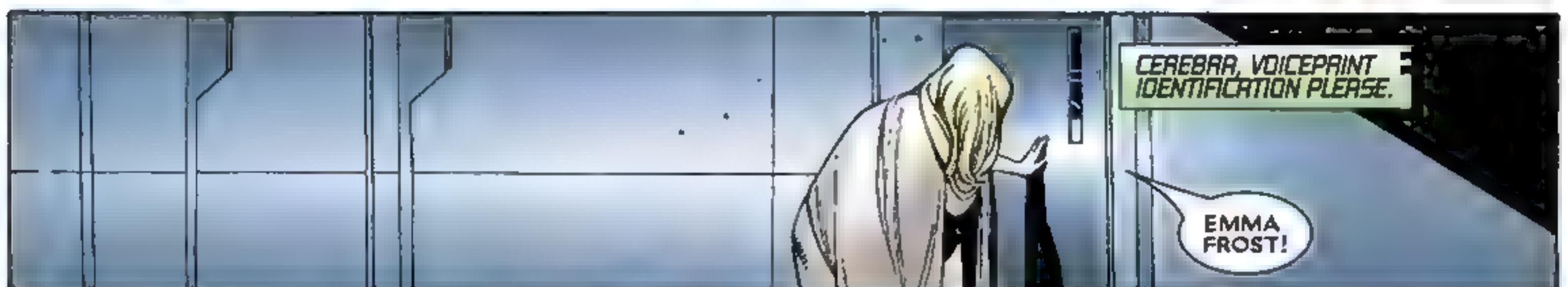
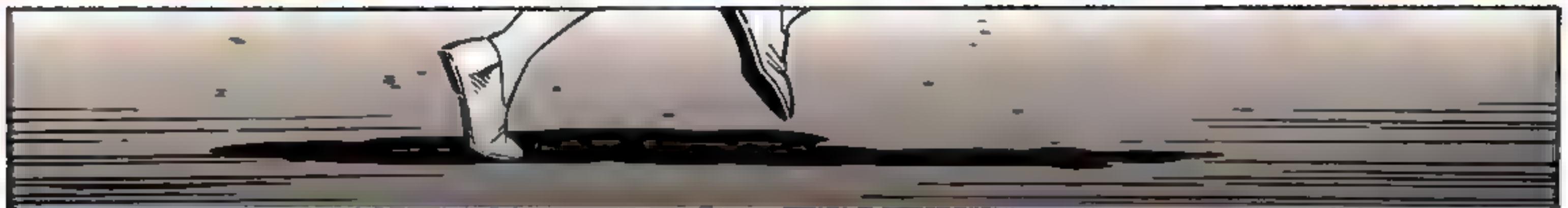
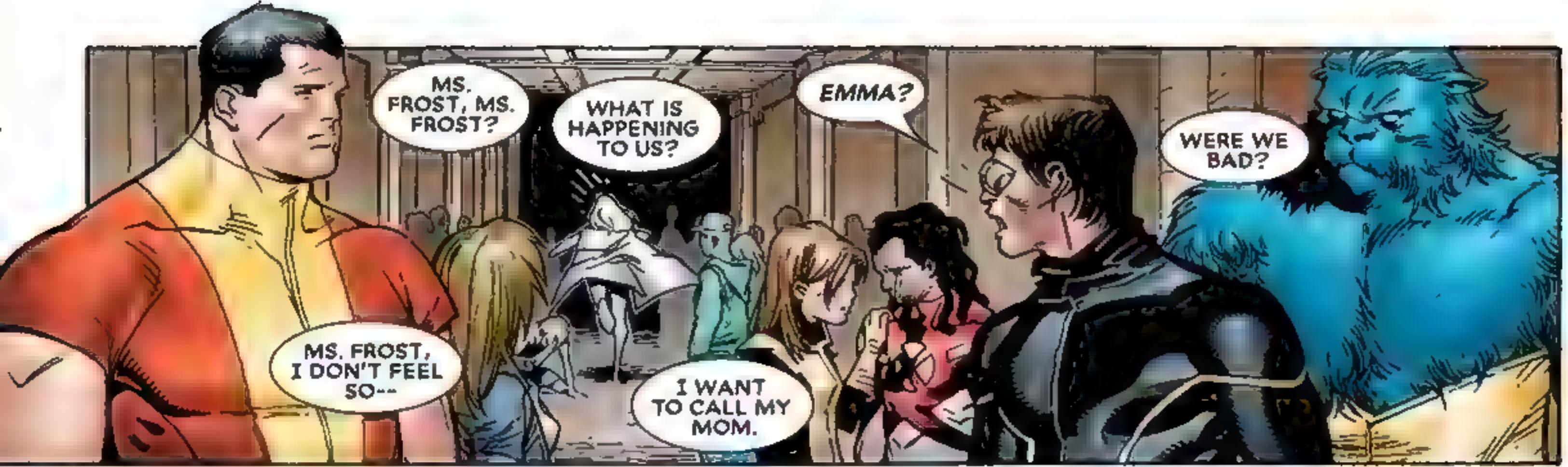






I  
REMEMBER.

MY WHOLE  
LIFE...  
I REMEMBER  
ALL OF IT.





EMMA, IS THAT--?  
IS THAT--?  
SCOTT, CEREBRA  
WAS CREATED TO  
LOCATE MUTANT  
ACTIVITY ALL OVER  
THE WORLD.  
I'VE BEEN  
HERE SINCE I WAS  
FOURTEEN. I KNOW  
WHAT CEREBRA  
DOES.  
I'M TELLING  
YOU--IT'S ON FULL  
POWER.  
THIS--THIS--  
RIGHT NOW, THIS  
IS ALL THE MUTANTS...  
ON THE PLANET.

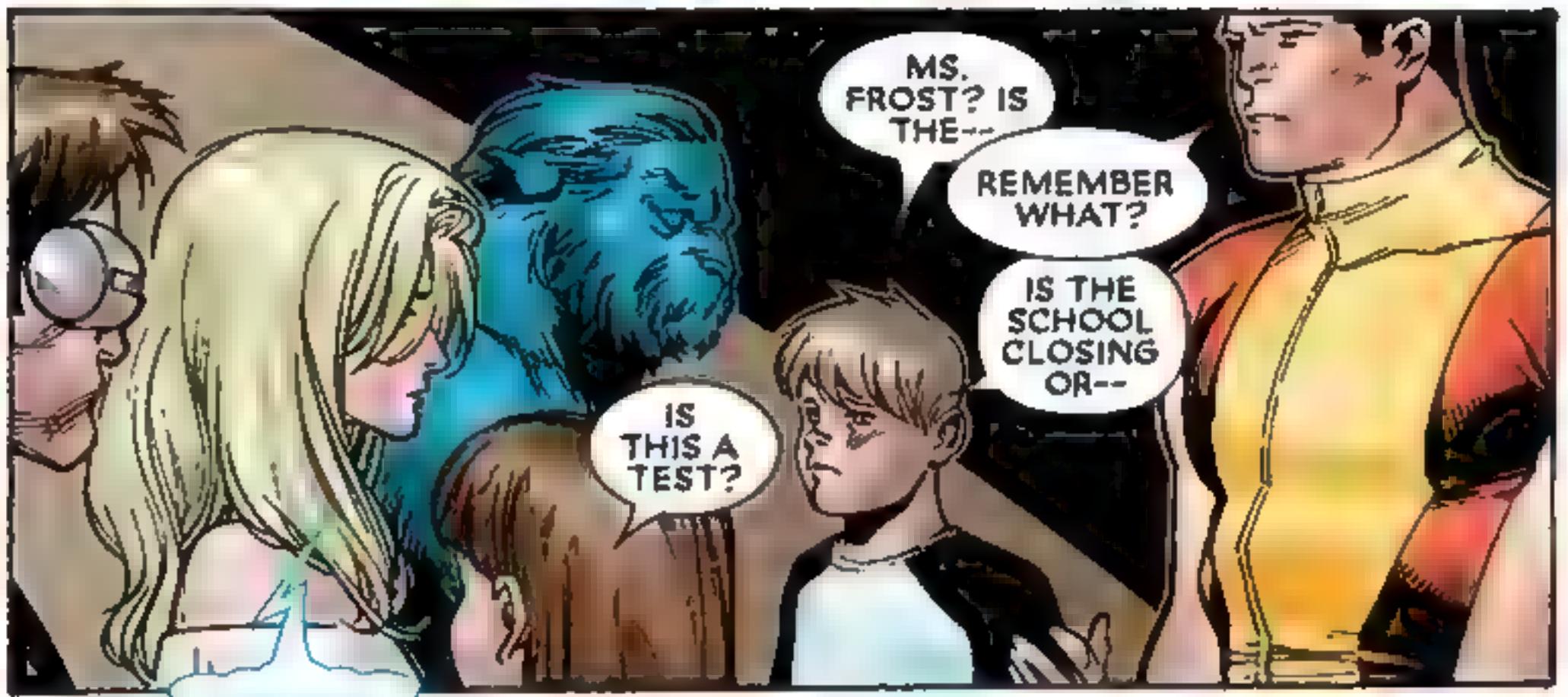
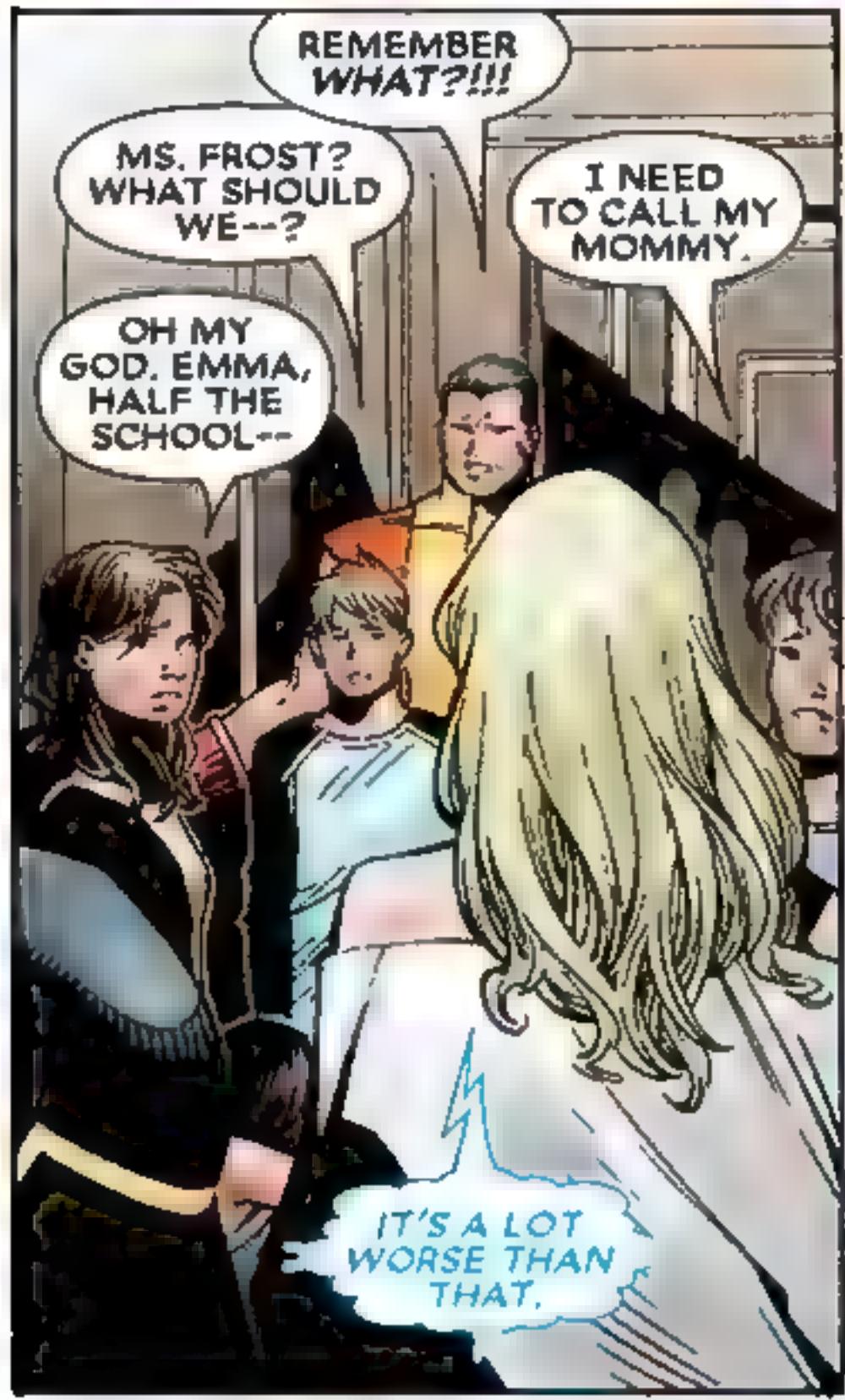
THERE  
WERE  
TENS OF  
THOUSANDS.  
A MILLION,  
MAYBE?  
NOT  
ANYMORE.  
ARE THEY  
DEAD?

NO, NOT AS  
FAR AS I CAN TELL  
JUST  
NOT MUTANTS  
ANYMORE

I--I TRIED  
TO STOP HER--  
I TRIED--  
WHERE'S WANDA  
MAXIMOFF?  
I DON'T  
SEE HER.  
I DON'T--I DON'T--  
I DON'T SEE ANYONE

XAVIER?  
EMMA!!  
FIND  
XAVIER!

HE'S NOT.



THOUGHT  
IT WAS JUST  
WAAAAY HOT  
IN HERE.

SO,  
WHAT?  
IS  
THAT IT FOR  
ICEMAN?

THE NEWS IS COMING  
IN FAST AND FURIOUS  
NOW FROM ALL PARTS  
OF THE GLOBE.



LIVE

MUTANT EPIDEMIC

AND WE'LL TRY  
TO GET IT TO YOU  
AS QUICKLY AS  
WE CAN.

WE'RE RECEIVING  
WIDESPREAD REPORTS  
OF--WAIT.

THE WHITE  
HOUSE--OKAY--THE  
WHITE HOUSE IS  
ABOUT TO MAKE A  
STATEMENT.

WE'RE GOING  
TO GO THERE LIVE  
RIGHT NOW.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
PRESS SECRETARY IS  
ABOUT TO ADDRESS  
THE PRESS CORPS.  
LET'S LISTEN IN  
LIVE...

GOOD  
MORNING.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
HAS CONFIRMED THAT  
THIS MORNING, HUNDREDS,  
IF NOT THOUSANDS  
OF MUTANTS--

--AS THEY  
ARE CALLED  
IN THE POPULAR  
VERNACULAR--

--THOSE WHO CARRY  
WHAT IS REFERRED TO  
AS THE "MUTANT GENE"  
HAVE SEEMINGLY  
SPONTANEOUSLY LOST  
THAT GENE ENTIRELY  
AND THE ABILITIES THAT  
COME AS A RESULT.

BRIEFING ON MUTANT P.DEMIC

THE WHITE HOUSE  
IS STILL ASSESSING  
EXACTLY WHAT HAS  
HAPPENED AND WHAT  
THIS MEANS AND JUST  
HOW WIDESPREAD  
THIS "OCCURRENCE"  
IS.

WE HAVE THE  
PRESIDENT'S TOP  
SCIENTIFIC AIDES  
LOOKING OVER  
THE INFORMATION  
AS WELL AS FEMA,  
S.H.I.E.L.D., REED  
RICHARDS, AND  
THE CENTER FOR  
DISEASE CONTROL--

--AS WELL AS THE  
NEWLY-FORMED  
OFFICE FOR NATIONAL  
EMERGENCY--

--AND WE WILL GET  
THAT INFORMATION  
OUT TO THE PUBLIC AS  
SOON AS WE CAN.

IF I MAY ADDRESS  
ONE POINT--THE RUMOR  
THAT THIS IS A RESULT OF  
A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM  
OF ANY KIND IS  
COMPLETELY UNTRUE.

THERE IS NO ANTI-  
MUTANT AGENDA OR  
EXISTING PROGRAM IN  
THIS GOVERNMENT OR  
THIS ADMINISTRATION.

AND I CANNOT STRESS  
ENOUGH THAT THERE WAS  
NO ACTION TAKEN BY THE  
UNITED STATES TO BRING  
ON WHATEVER KIND OF  
"EPIDEMIC" THIS MAY BE.

HAS A VIRUS  
BEEN RULED  
OUT?

A MUTANT  
VIRUS?

AT THIS TIME,  
NOTHING HAS  
BEEN RULED  
OUT.

DO YOU HAVE ANY  
IDEAS? HAS ANYONE  
STEPPED FORWARD TO  
CLAIM RESPONSIBILITY?

NOT TO OUR  
KNOWLEDGE.

HAS THE U.N. RULED  
OUT ANOTHER  
COUNTRY WITH ANY  
KIND OF ANTI-MUTANT  
AGENDA?

THAT'S ALL  
WE HAVE RIGHT  
NOW.

HOW  
ABOUT THE  
X-MEN?

THAT'S  
ALL WE--

OH MY  
GOD...

...THE  
X-MEN...

TONY, TURN  
THE VOLUME UP  
ON THIS ONE...

—HAVE FORETOLD  
THIS IN THE SCRIPTURE  
FOR YEARS NOW, AND  
NOW THE CLEANSING  
HAS FINALLY BEGUN.

WILLIAM CRYKER, EVANGELIST

CHRISTIAN THEOLOGIST

THE ABOMINATION  
OF HUMANITY THAT WAS  
"MUTANTKIND" IS NOW SEEN  
TO BE WHAT IT ALWAYS  
WAS...A DISEASE OF OUR  
OWN DECADENCE AND  
INDULGENCES.

GOD'S WILL HAS  
BEEN DONE, AND  
NOW IT IS UP TO  
MAN TO FINISH  
HIS WORK.

NEVER MIND.  
TURN THE IDIOT  
OFF.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
TO SAY. I HAVE NO  
RECOLLECTION OF ANY  
HOUSE OF M--OF THIS--  
HAPPENING

NEITHER  
DO I.

WE BELIEVE YOU.  
OF COURSE--EVERY  
WORD. WE--WE JUST  
WOKE UP AND HERE  
WE ARE

IT WOULD  
SEEM ONLY THOSE  
WHO WERE THERE  
AT THE EVENT--

--THOSE PROTECTED  
BY EMMA FROST'S PSYCHIC  
DEFENSE AND MY SPELL-  
CASTING-- REMEMBER THE  
EVENTS AS THEY TRANSPRIRED.

AIN'T WE  
LUCKY.

I THINK--I  
SERIOUSLY THINK  
I'M GOING TO  
BE SICK.

DOCTOR  
STRANGE, CAN YOU  
LOCATE WANDA  
MAXIMOFF?

YEAH, YEAH,  
YOU HAD SAID ONCE  
THAT THE MAGICS  
SHE USED CREATED  
A-A--

MY DUTIES AS  
MASTER OF THE  
MYSTIC ARTS  
ARE SIMPLE.

PROTECT THIS  
WORLD FROM AN  
ATTACK JUST  
LIKE THIS.

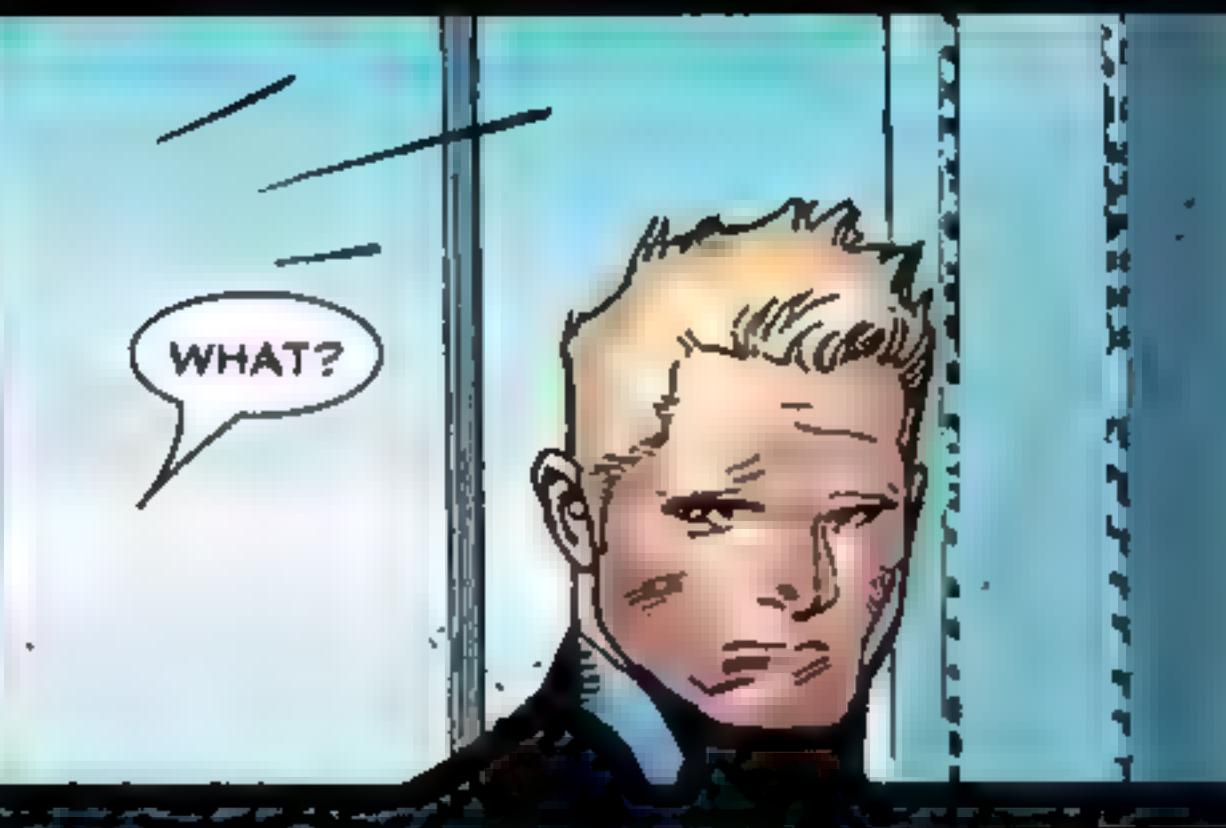
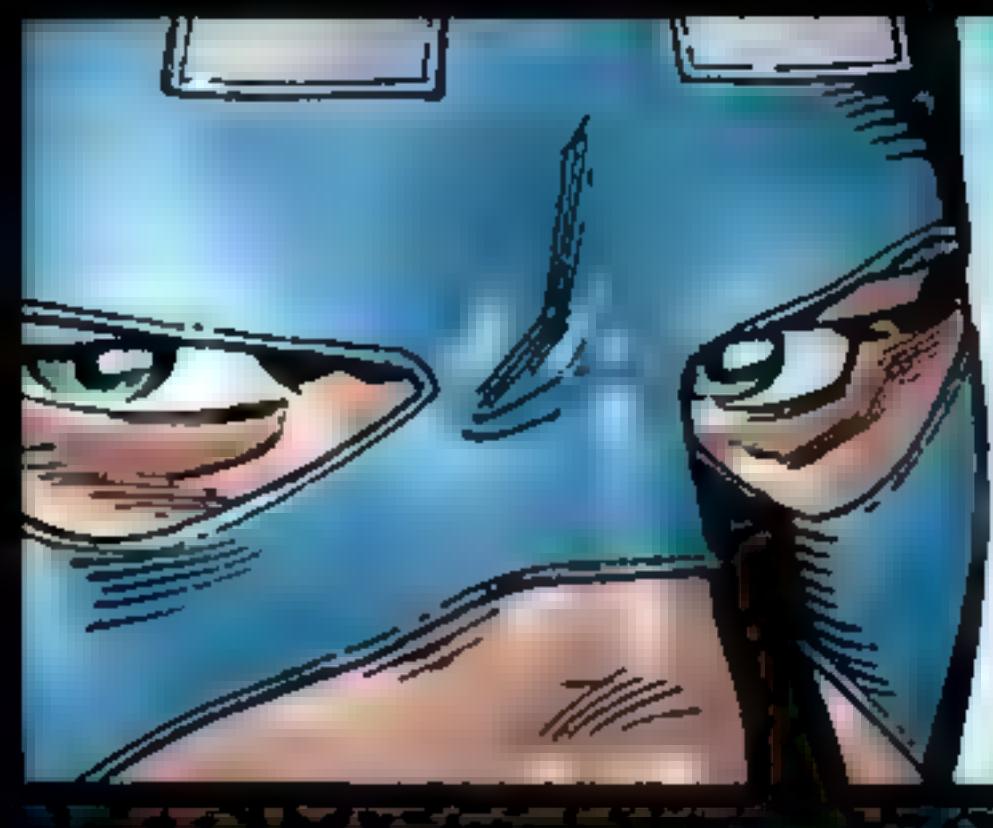
A MAP.  
YES.

I TRIED  
THIS A FEW  
TIMES BEFORE  
I CAME OVER  
HERE.

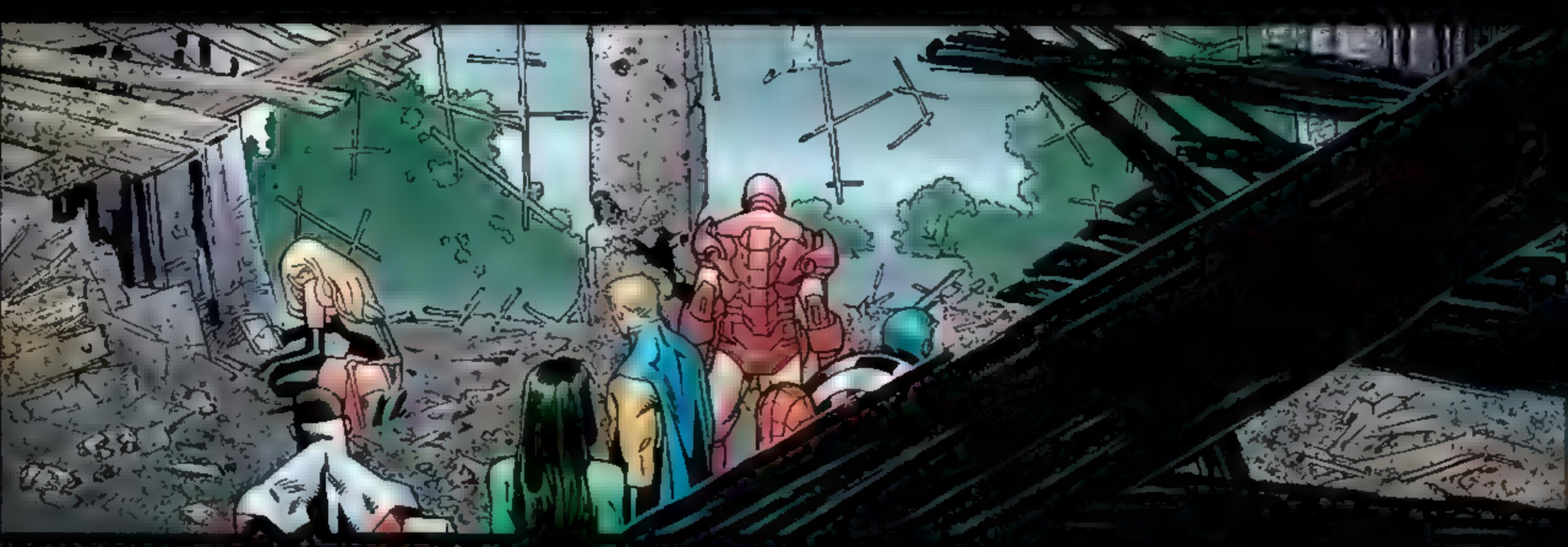
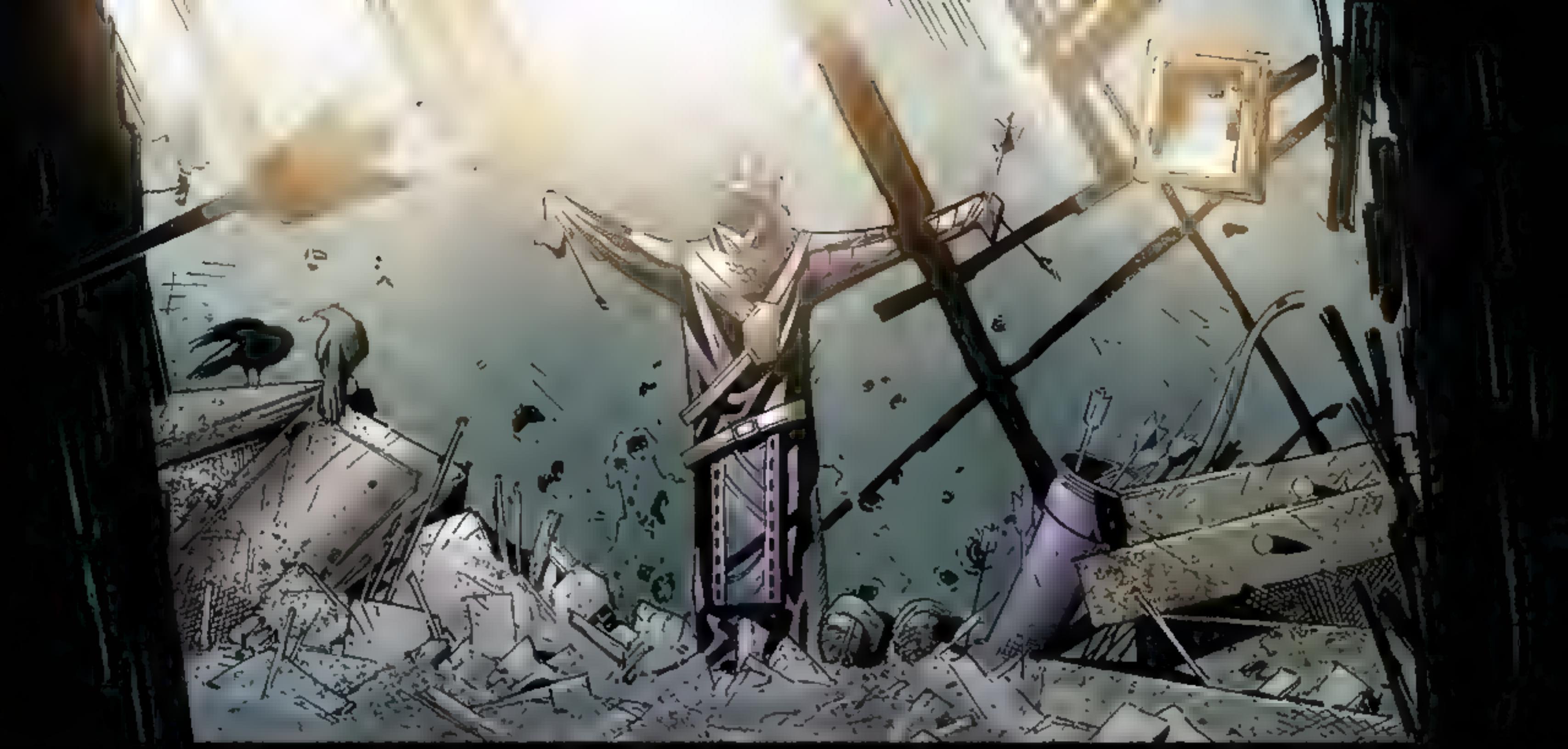
I CAN'T--  
I CAN'T FIND  
ANY SIGN OF  
HER.

ARE YOU  
ALL RIGHT,  
DOCTOR?

I  
FAILED.  
COMPLETELY.







# HER HAWKEYE DEAD

MYSTERY SURROUNDS THE FALLEN HERO'S FATE

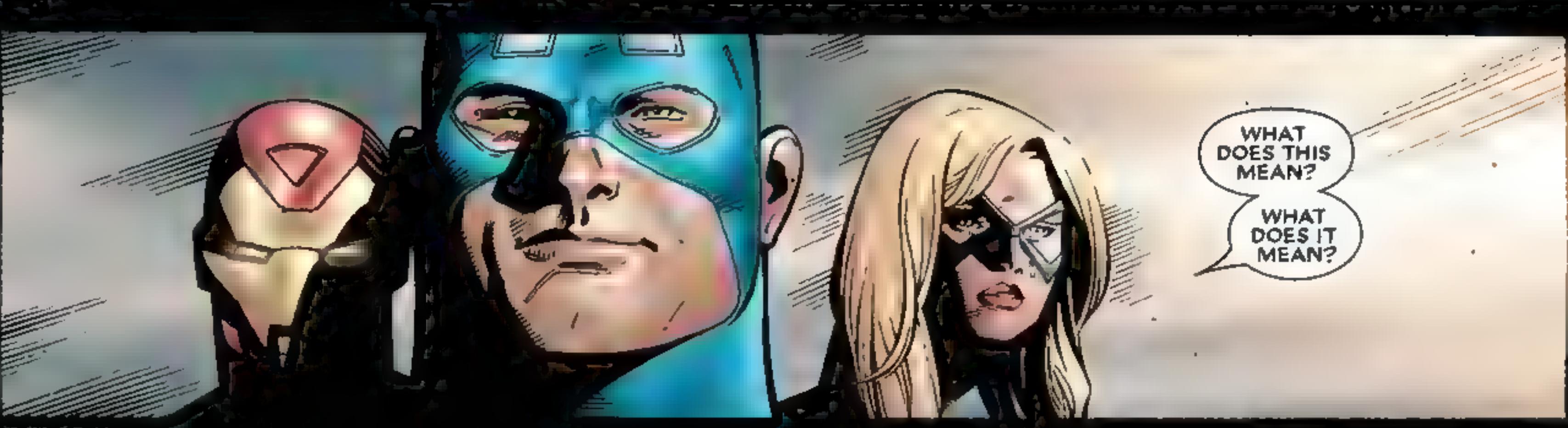
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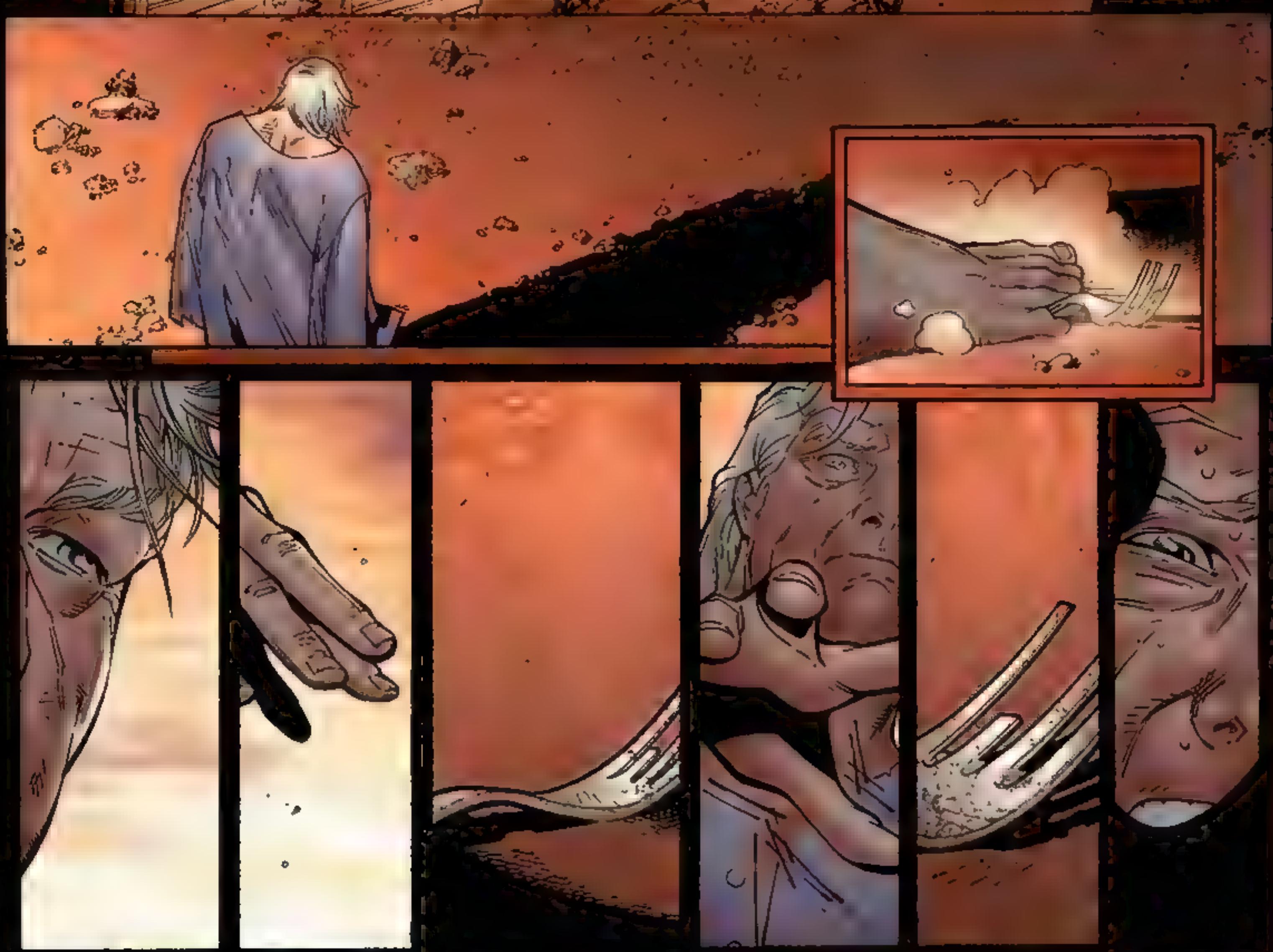
Government authorities and representatives of the Avengers have confirmed that costumed hero Hawkeye was, as previously rumored, part of the destruction that fell on Avengers Mansion early this week. He joins the confirmed deaths of Scott Lang, a.k.a. Ant-Man, and the Vision.

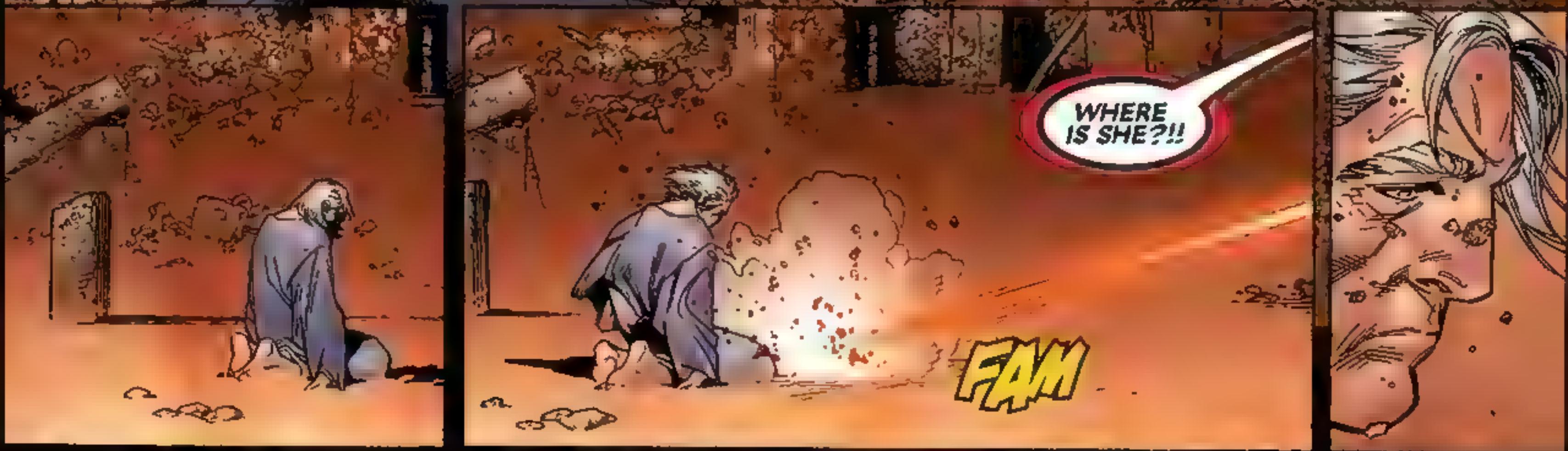
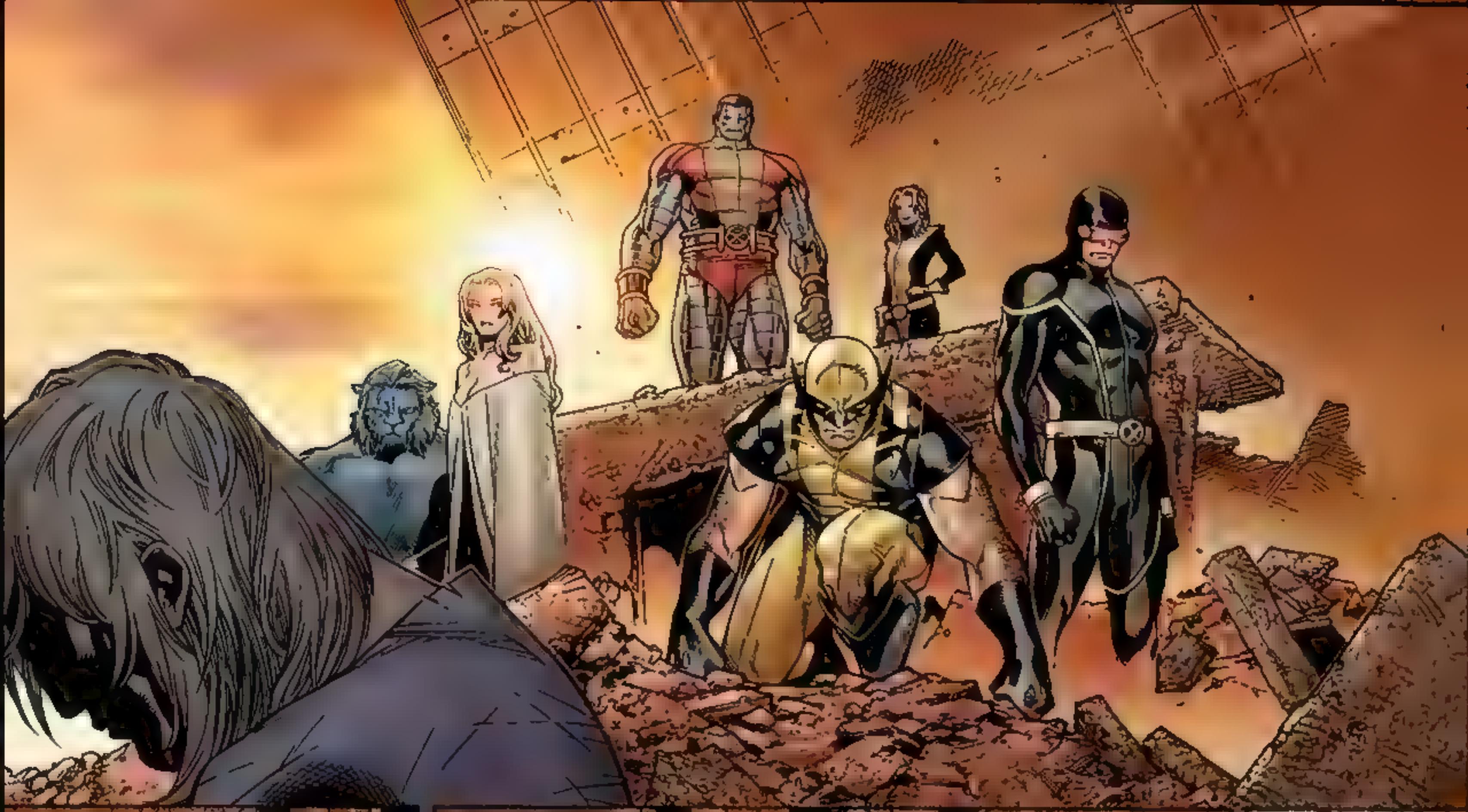
Hawkeye was one of the elder statesmen of the perennial supergroup. His colorful statements to the press and public confrontations with Captain America kept him a fan favorite during the many incarnations of the Avengers.

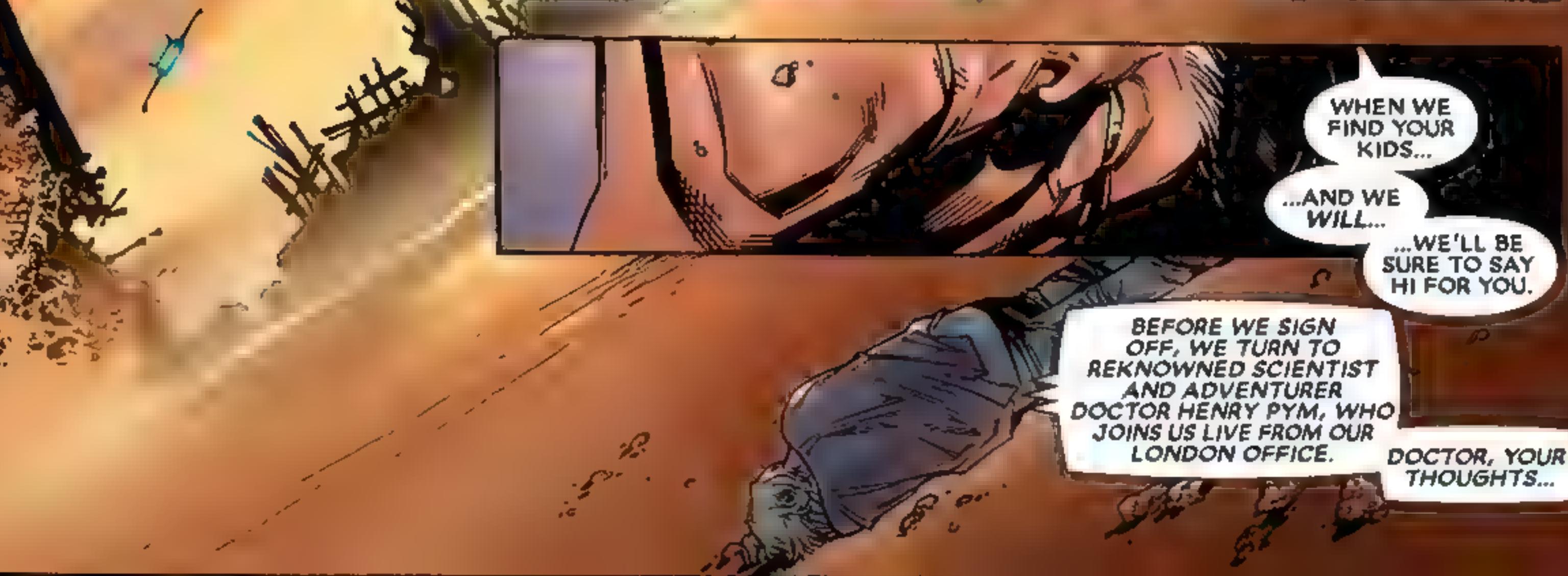
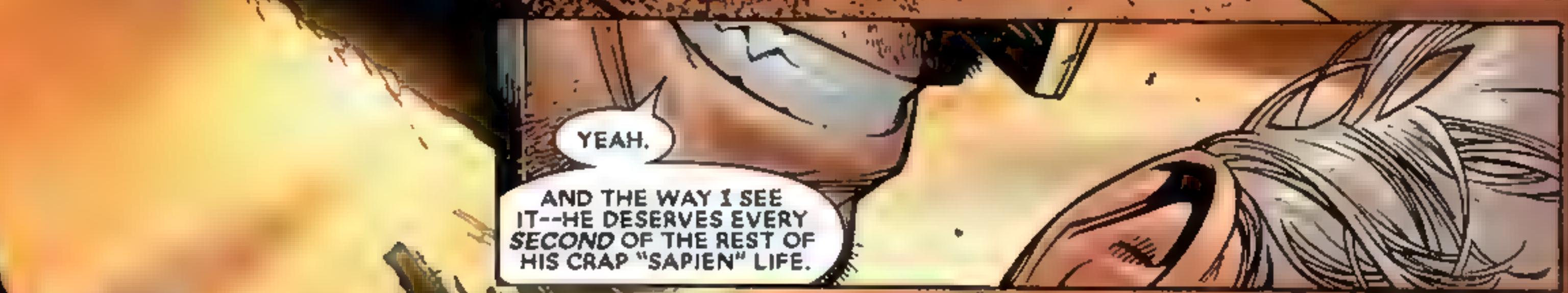
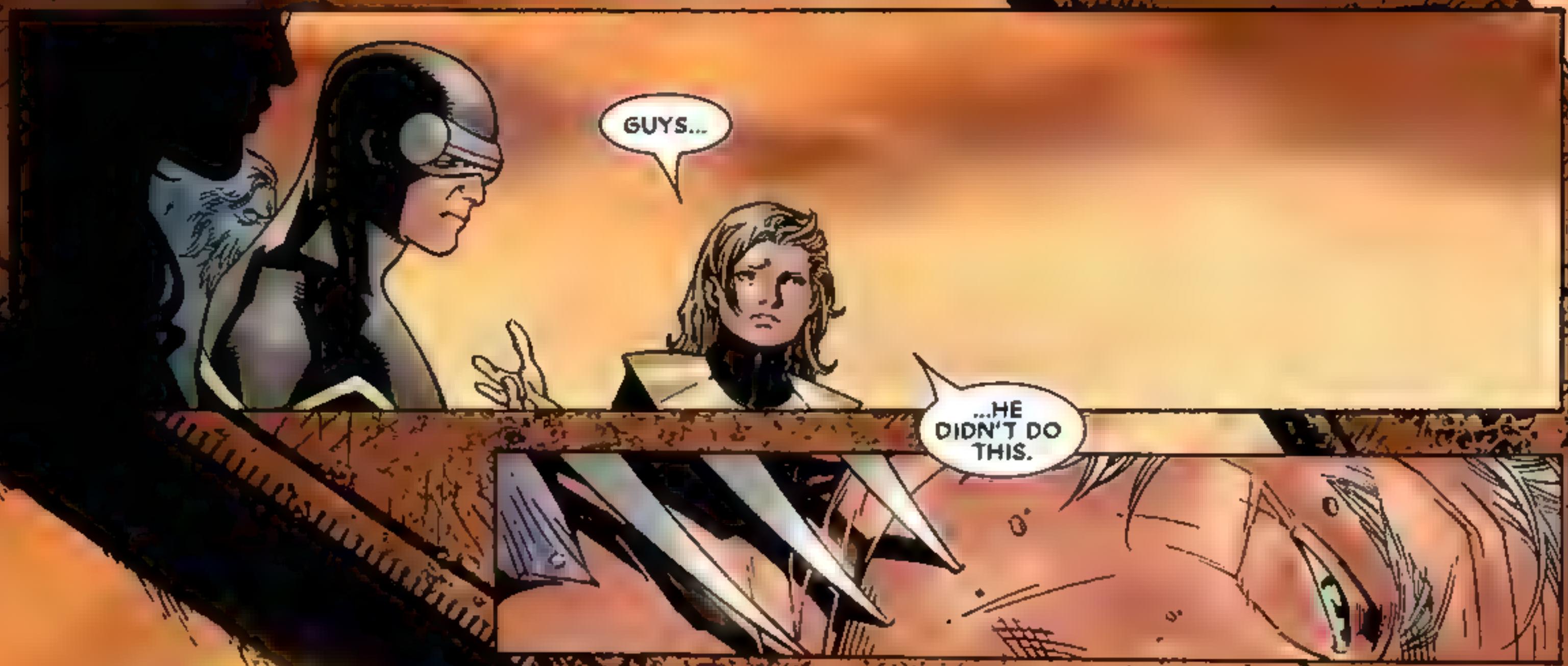
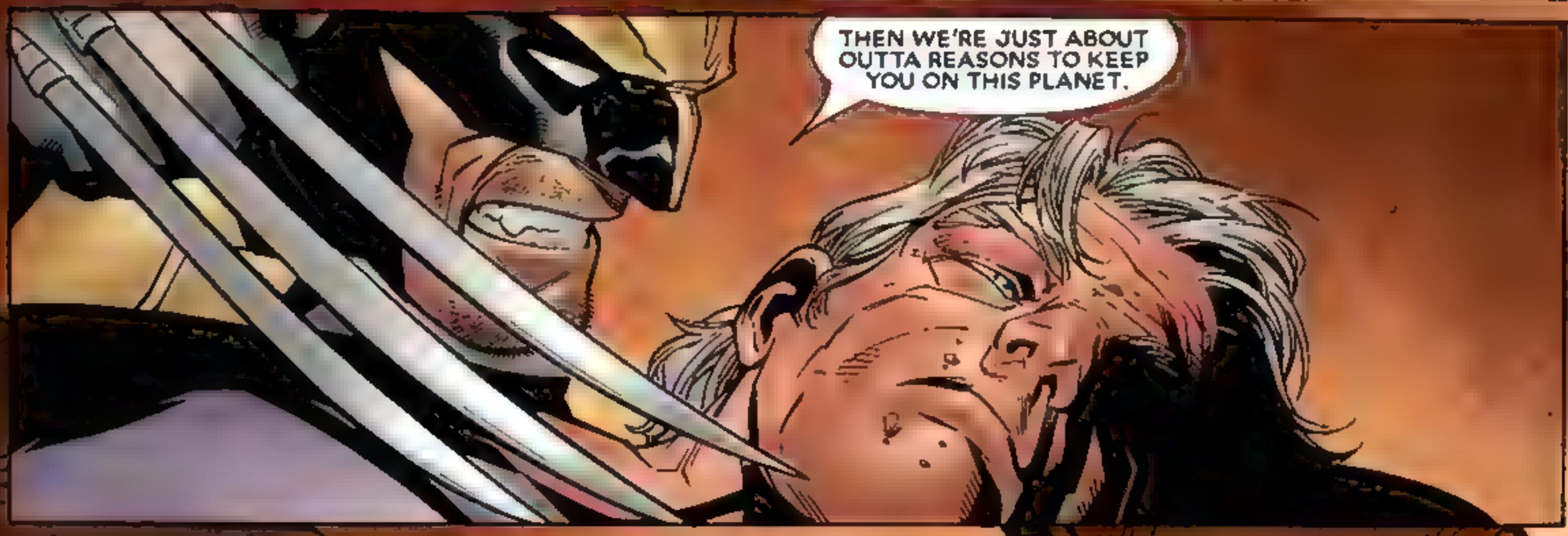
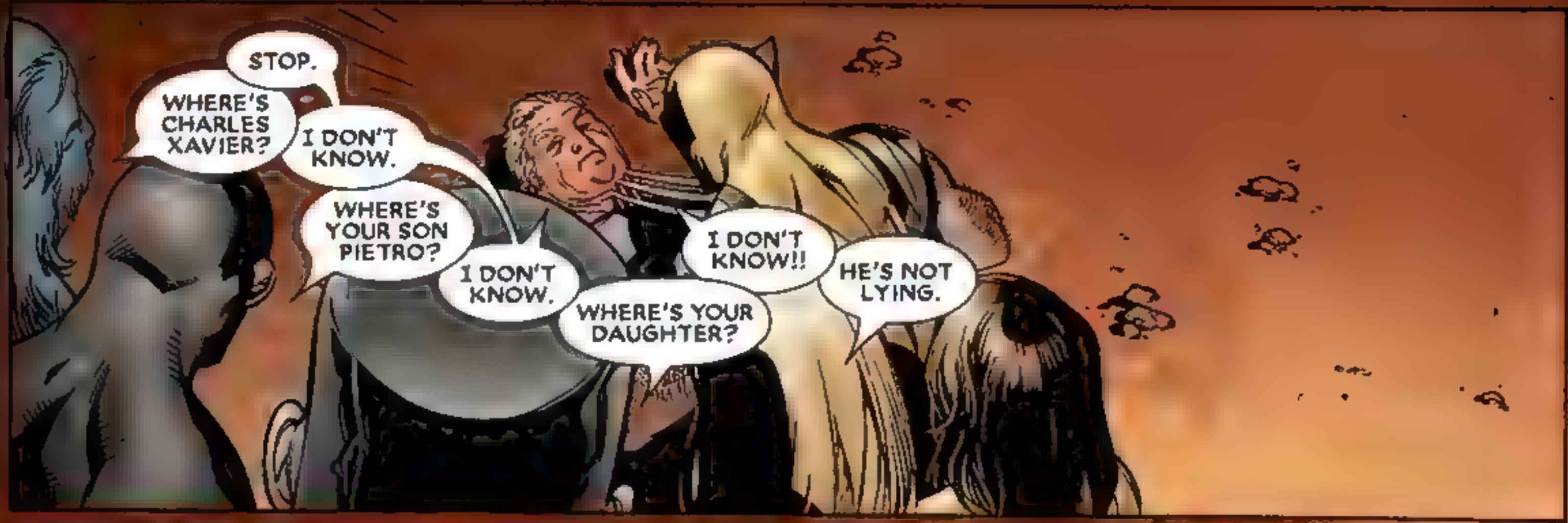
There will be no funeral service or memorial at the deceased's request.

A heavy veil of national security still surrounds the events of last Wednesday, but authorities tell the Daily Bugle that this was not only one of the worst days in Avengers history, but when the entire story is told to the public, it will go down in history as one









WELL, IT'S SHOCKING  
TO SAY THESE WORDS OUT  
LOUD, BUT WE MAY HAVE  
SEEN THE EXTINCTION OF  
AN ENTIRE SPECIES.

AND AS OF RIGHT  
NOW WE HAVE NO  
IDEA HOW THIS  
HAPPENED.

AND I DON'T THINK  
THAT ANY PERSON OF  
SCIENCE CAN REST UNTIL  
WE FIND OUT EXACTLY  
WHAT HAS HAPPENED  
AND WHO OR WHAT IS  
RESPONSIBLE.

BECAUSE NOT  
ONLY HAS THE MUTANT  
POPULATION BEEN  
DEVASTATED...

...AND MY HEART  
BREAKS FOR ALL MY  
MUTANT BROTHERS  
AND SISTERS...

BUT THINK OF  
HOW THIS EFFECTS  
OUR ENTIRE  
ECOSYSTEM!

THE NATURAL  
ORDER OF OUR  
EVOLUTION AS A  
SPECIES HAS BEEN  
ALTERED.

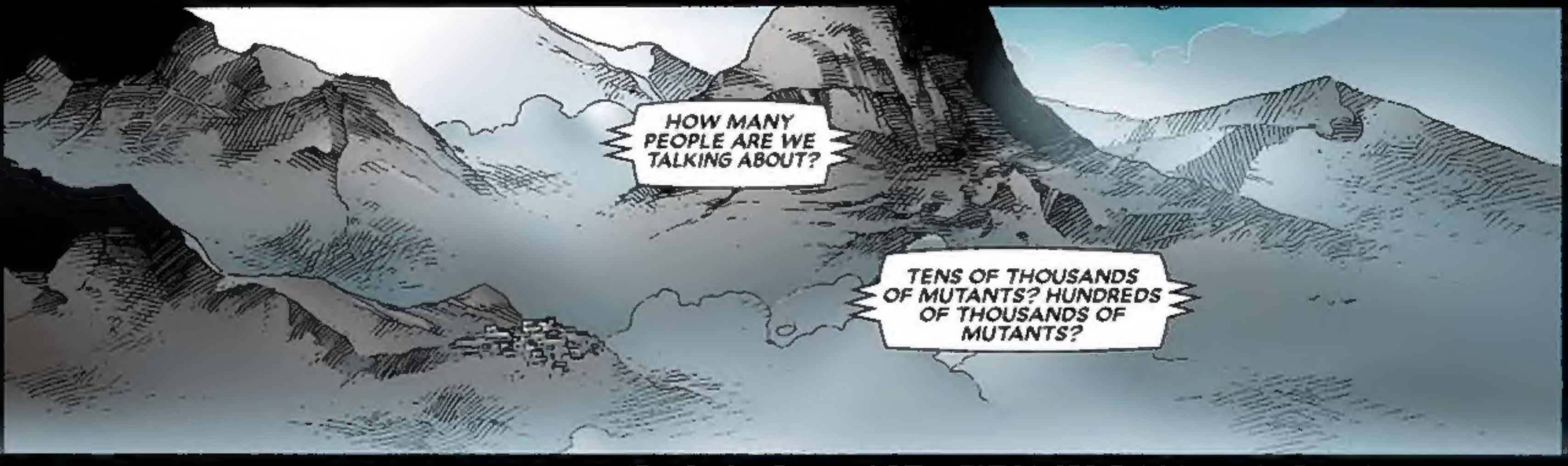
'MORNING.'

'MORNING.'

THE ENTIRE WAY  
OUR PLANET REACTS  
TO OUR EXISTENCE HAS  
NOW CHANGED.

OUR PLANET MAY  
NOT BE READY TO  
HANDLE THE SUDDEN  
CHANGES THAT HAVE  
BEEN PUT UPON US  
AND IT.

AND  
THINK  
ABOUT  
THIS...





IT'S SIR ISAAC  
NEWTON'S THIRD  
LAW OF PHYSICS...  
EVERYONE KNOWS  
IT:

"FOR EVERY  
ACTION, THERE  
IS AN EQUAL  
AND OPPOSITE  
REACTION."



SO, I'M  
ASKING? WHAT  
WILL BE THE  
REACTION?

THE END



- I Learned Digital  
Kung fu  
from  
EMPIRE